

COSEWIC Assessment Summary

Assessment Summary – April 2009

Common name

Horned Grebe Western population

Scientific name

Podiceps auritus

Status

Special Concern

Reason for designation

Approximately 92% of the North American breeding range of this species is in Canada and is occupied by this population. It has experienced both long-term and short-term declines and there is no evidence to suggest that this trend will be reversed in the near future. Threats include degradation of wetland breeding habitat, droughts, increasing populations of nest predators (mostly in the Prairies), and oil spills on their wintering grounds in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Occurrence

Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario

Status history

Designated Special Concern in April 2009. Assessment based on a new status report.